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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

Historic name: Brook Road Marker, Jefferson Davis Highway

Other names/site number: VDHR #127-6150-0008

**2. Location**

Street & number: 0.2 mile east of junction - Hilliard and Brook Roads  
City or town: Richmond Vicinity: N/A  
State: Virginia Code: VA County: Henrico Code: 087 Zip: 23228

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination        request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets        does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant        nationally x statewide        locally (        See continuation sheet for additional comments )

Signature of certifying official

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

In my opinion, the property        meets        does not meet the National Register criteria. (        See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

       entered in the National Register  
See continuation sheet.

       determined eligible for the National Register  
See continuation sheet.

       determined not eligible for the National Register

       removed from the National Register

       other (explain):       

Signature of Keeper       

Date of Action

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## 5. Classification

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### Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private  
☒ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

### Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☒ structure  
☐ object

### Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

### The Commemorative Markers Placed by the UDC along the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia 1913-1947

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## 6. Function or Use

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### Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation & Culture Sub: Monument/Marker  
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### Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation & Culture Sub: Monument/Marker  
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## 7. Description

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### Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

n/a

### Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation n/a  
roof n/a  
walls n/a  
other Granite and 2 bronze tablets

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria** (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- ☒ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions) Transportation; Social History

**Period of Significance** 1913-1947

**Significant Dates** 1927

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) n/a

**Cultural Affiliation** n/a

**Architect/Builder** n/a

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☒ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office  
☐ Other State agency  
☐ Federal agency  
☐ Local government  
☐ University  
☐ Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
18	293101	4165695	2		

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

Name/Title: Ruth D. Snead Organization: Elliott Grays Chapter # 1877 UDC date 2/18/07  
street & number: 1318 Devers Road telephone 804- 285-3690  
city or town Richmond state VA Zip Code 23226

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps** A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs** Representative black and white photographs of the property.**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name United Daughters of the Confederacystreet & number 328 North Boulevard telephone city or town Richmond state VA zip code 23220

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**7. Summary Description:**

The Brook Road marker is located in the grassy median between the dual lanes on Brook Road (U.S. Route 1) facing north, in Henrico County, Virginia, two-tenths of a mile east of the intersection of Brook road with Hilliard Road. The marker is one of sixteen erected in Virginia along the Jefferson Davis Highway between 1927 and 1946. The Jefferson Davis Highway was a nation-wide memorial project of the United Daughters of the Confederacy beginning in 1913 and continuing until 1947 when the highway's terminal marker was placed in Arlington, Virginia.

**Detailed Description:**

The Brook Road Marker is a gray granite boulder with rough-cut edges. The granite boulder is 42" tall, 32" wide, 21" thick and sits on a 4" concrete base. A sloped face at the top of the marker carries a bronze plaque with the words "Jefferson Davis Highway Virginia." A second bronze plaque is placed on the front face of the marker displaying the phrase "Erected June 3, 1927 by Richmond – Lee-Stonewall Jackson – Elliott Grays – Chesterfield – Chapters United Daughters of the Confederacy."

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**8. Statement of Significance**

The Brook Road Jefferson Davis Highway Marker is one of sixteen markers in Virginia erected along Jefferson Davis Highway between 1927 and 1947 as a memorial to Jefferson F. Davis, first and only president of the Confederate States of America. All sixteen markers remain standing and despite the minor relocation of several markers to increase highway safety or traffic flow, all retain their historic relationship to U.S. Route 1, which for the most part constitutes the route of Jefferson Davis Highway through Virginia. The markers were paid for and erected and maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) through local UDC Chapters, the Virginia Division of the UDC and the General Organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This activity was replicated in the other former Confederate States and was a part of a cross-country route mapped as the Jefferson Davis Highway and promoted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy through educational brochures and travel publications. The establishment of the Jefferson Davis Highway, the erection of the markers honoring the Confederate President Jefferson Davis, and the publications of maps and educational brochures about the locations through which the cross-country route passed is considered by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to be some of its greatest undertaking.

**Criteria Statement:**

The Brook Road Jefferson Davis Highway Marker is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the Multiple Property Documentation Form, The Commemorative Markers Placed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia 1913–1947. The markers included in the MPD meet criterion A in the areas of Transportation and Social History because they are associated with the period of “named highways” in U.S. history from 1913 through 1925 and because they represent a significant achievement for a women’s organization. The MPD and the markers included within it have statewide significance in the area of transportation and social history.

**Criteria Consideration:**

As a commemorative marker, the Brook Road Marker meets Criteria Consideration F. The marker is primarily commemorative, yet it possesses symbolic value and its own historical significance as part of this early attempt to mark a cross-country highway as a memorial to the first and only President of the Confederate States of America.

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**Detailed Background:**

Mrs. Alexander B. White, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, conceived the idea for the Jefferson Davis Highway in 1913, following the establishment of the Lincoln Highway earlier that year. From 1913 until about 1925, it was common for private organizations to identify a route, give it a name and promote its use and improvement. The Jefferson Davis Highway extends 3,417 miles coast to coast from Arlington, Virginia to San Diego, California. The highway then continues north up the Pacific coast to the Canadian border.

The Virginia section of the highways extends from the Potomac River Bridge at Arlington, through Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Petersburg to the North Carolina boundary, a distance of 235 miles. Virginia's General Assembly designated U.S. Route 1 as the Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway in March of 1922.

The Brook Road Jefferson Davis Highway Marker is one of sixteen in Virginia. It retains its integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. Although the surroundings of the marker have changed since 1927 it retains its historic association with the highway. The design of the marker has not changed in the years since its erection and there has not been any loss of its original features. The workmanship of the marker has not been altered in the years since 1927. The marker's integrity of feeling is intact. It retains a simple dignity and the feeling of an earlier age of travel when markers by the side of the road were more easily seen and appreciated by the passing public. Finally, the marker retains its integrity of association, conveying its origins as a historical memorial.

As a commemorative property the Brook Road Jefferson Davis Highway Marker is associated with the period 1913, when the UDC first proposed the idea for a Jefferson Davis Highway, through 1947 when the highway's terminal marker in Arlington, Virginia was erected.

The Brook Road Marker, the first of the 16 markers for the Jefferson Davis Highway to be erected in Virginia, was placed by five Richmond United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapters -- Chesterfield, Elliott Grays, Lee, Richmond, and Stonewall Jackson -- and was dedicated on Saturday June, 3, 1927, the 119th anniversary of Jefferson Davis's birth.

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Only days before on May 27, 1927 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, the Jefferson Davis Highway had  
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been officially opened. Governor and Mrs. Harry F. Byrd, Former Governor and Mrs. Elbert Lee Trinkle, and Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Highways, Mr. Henry G. Shirley, cut a broad white ribbon and opened up the new concrete strip of the Jefferson Davis Highway connecting "the Capital of the Republic to the Capital of the Confederacy". The Jefferson Davis Highway is U. S. Route 1 from Washington to South Hill near the border with North Carolina. It then follows U. S. Route 58 west to U.S. Route 15 and follows Route 15 into North Carolina. Already in place in 1927 on U.S. Route 15 at the border of Virginia and North Carolina was a double-sided marker with sloping faces carrying plates reading, "Jefferson Davis Highway Virginia" on one side, and "Jefferson Davis Highway North Carolina" on the other. This boundary marker is not counted as one of the 16 markers placed by the UDC on the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia.

Those attending the 3:00 pm unveiling of the Brook Road marker on June 3, 1927 were reminded that the entire South was paying tribute to the memory of Jefferson Davis on his birthday. In the South, June 3 was a State Holiday with all the State offices and banks closed as a tribute to the memory of the President of the Confederacy. "It is peculiarly fitting to dedicate this boulder on the highway bearing the name of Jefferson Davis which connects the capital of the nation with the capital of the Confederacy," State Senator, T. Gray Haddon, the principal speaker declared. "While we are proud of the nation, the South cannot forget its great Sons"

Mrs. B. A. Blenner, Chairman of the Jefferson Davis Highway Committee, Virginia Division, gave an outline of the work by the UDC to have the highway named for Jefferson Davis. She praised the work of Mrs. William Judd and Senator Hadden in getting the bills through the Virginia legislature to establish the Jefferson Davis Highway to run from the District of Columbia at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge to the border of North Carolina south of Clarksville, VA. Rev. Beverley D. Tucker, D.D., delivered the invocation and the boulder was unveiled by Garrett Hobart Delp Jr. and Virginia Bauer Delp, grandchildren of Mrs. Blenner and Mr and Mrs. John F. Bauer. The Police Band furnished the music for the occasion. Mrs. Charles E. Bolling was Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Bolling was elected Virginia Division President in 1930. She was the daughter of author and humorist, Dr. Charles W. Bagby, author of "*The Old Virginia Gentleman*." Mrs. Judd introduced the speakers.

The marker, just beyond Brook Road Bridge near the intersection of Hillard Road, is one of sixteen placed in memory of President Jefferson Davis along the route of the Jefferson Davis Highway in Virginia. The marker is near the old Hermitage Country Club, which was designed



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in 1916 by Albert Warren Tillenghast, one of the best course architects of his time. It is now called Belmont Golf Course and is owned and operated by Henrico County's Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Brook Road marker is also near the location of the northernmost outer fortifications of Richmond. The fortifications were part of a system of earthen defensive works ringing Richmond, the Capitol of the Confederacy, and were manned by Confederate artillery and infantry units. Many of the breastworks were constructed by troops under General George Pickett who was defending Richmond against Union troops under General Philip Sheridan. Brook Hill, a two-story, six-room Greek Revival house, is east of the marker. Confederate outer defenses were constructed on the property in 1862. The area surrounding Brook Hill was the site of several Civil War skirmishes and battles including the Battle of Yellow Tavern in May 1864. Brook Hill was also used as a Confederate hospital, campsite and inn during the war, with the Stewarts hosting a number of Southern generals. Brook Hill was the childhood home of Isobel Stewart Bryan, wife of Richmond newspaper publisher, Joseph Bryan. Joseph Bryan was one of the most affluent and influential of Richmond's businessmen of the post-Civil War era. He served in the Confederate Army from 1863 until the end of the Civil War.

The Janet Randolph Chapter #1932 U.D.C of Richmond, Virginia currently maintains the Brook Road marker.

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The Brook Road Jefferson Davis Highway Marker is located in Henrico County, just outside the northern limits of the City of Richmond, two-tenths of a mile south of the junction of Brook Road (U.S. Route 1) with Hilliard Road. The marker is located in a grassy median between the dual lanes of Brook Road. The UTM point locating the marker is Zone 18, easting 293101, and Northing 4165695 on the Richmond Quadrangle map.

**Boundary Justification**

The property being nominated includes only the marker itself.

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The following digital images of the Brook Road Marker on the Jefferson Davis Highway were made in March 2007 by Charles Snead. The images are stored at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources in Richmond.

Photo 1 of 3: Brook Road Marker, view of front (south) face

Photo 2 of 3: Brook Road Marker, view of east face

Photo 3 of 3: Brook Road Marker, view of rear (north) face

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